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The Honorable Nathan Deal
U.S. House of Representatives
9th Congressional District
2133 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-1009

Dear Congressman Deal:

The Georgia Department of Transportation supports High Priority Project funding for widening and reconstructing SR 347/Friendship Road from I-985 to McEver Road, a distance of 1.7 miles. SR 347 is a regional highway connecting to an Interstate highway and provides access from I-985 to Lake Lanier, a major regional destination. Completion will improve mobility, increase safety, and promote economic development and environmental quality. Public participation in the development of this project has occurred and will continue as part of the environmental assessment process and through the TIP development process.

The requested High Priority Project funding, along with formula federal funds committed and programmed by the Georgia Department of Transportation in its proposed STIP, will provide the entire 80 percent federal share of the project cost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Angela T. Alexander".

Angela T. Alexander
Director of Planning and Transportation Data

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cc: Honorable Steve Farrow, State Transportation Board Member, Congressional District 9
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